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| FOIAb2 | PEMARKS 1 to 2&3: I originally raised my query on 11403 from my (then) position in the Admin Branch of DPS, and my interest in receiving a reply at this date is more academic than official. However, having started this, I will comment on the reply received, for what use it may be. I think it is a glittle late in the day to worry about using a government shipping channel for personal fer personal effects (not labeled as such) since we have in fact done just that since the project began. Thus we are talking about, as says, a question of morality, not legality. The question, then, is whether we are avoiding the administration or the substance of the host country's laws. My offhand answer to that is that all we are avoiding is the | | | | |
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administration (i.e., the wred tape" referred to in Sanitizethe Approver Fth Releaser Clar Ropes 02465A000500050031-6 payments as such since personal property is allowed in and out of tax free. I therefore would not be too worried about aiding and abetting avoidance of FOIAb3a host country law. I might even argue that we have saved the a lot of time and effort, and that

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therefore the arrangement has been a net gain to them.

My understanding of the reasons for use of AF supply channels to ship personal effects is that there were two reasons:

(1) Security -- there would be no largescale revelation of where all this stuff was going (i.e., e.g., Burbank, home of Lockheed); and (2) Economy it is cheaper to use ALS than pay commercial rates.

Although tagging this stuff as 1Z priority--which I think is supposed to stand for priority machine parts-is a little much, I understand that that practice has now been abandoned. I would therefore conclude that a continuing use of AF supply channels to get personal effects home is bothadvisable and desirable, provided that Project-imposed weight limitations for both PCS and TDY personnel are observed.

> Asst. to DD/P 23 March 1959

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